

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0094] with the following:

[0094] The following commonly assigned copending applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference: Attorney Docket No. 1856-18900, Application Serial No. 10/266,404, filed October 8, 2002 and entitled "Oxidative Dehydrogenation of Hydrocarbons Using Catalysts With Trace Promoter Metal Loading", published at Publication No. 2004/0068148, and Attorney Docket No. 1856-30100, Serial No. 10/266,405, filed October 8, 2002 and entitled "Rare Earth Metals as Oxidative Dehydrogenation Catalysts-", published at Publication No. 2004/0068153. In addition, the commonly-owned US patent application with publication number 2003/0040655 filed March 26, 2002 and entitled "Oxidative dehydrogenation of alkanes to olefins using an oxide surface" is also hereby incorporated herein by reference. The disclosures of all other patents, patent applications and publications cited herein are hereby incorporated herein by reference, to the extent that they provide exemplary, procedural or other details supplementary to those set forth herein. Should the disclosure of any of the patents, patent applications, and publications that are incorporated herein conflict with the present specification, however to the extent that such disclosure might render a term unclear, the present specification shall take precedence.

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